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Application of Douglas F. Covey
Serial No. 10/008,567
Filed November 5, 2001
Confirmation No. 6682
Examiner S. A. Jiang

Art Unit 1614

For CYTOPROTECTIVE POLYCYCLIC COMPOUNDS

April 7, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS,
SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003, Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment A and Response to Restriction and Election of Species requirements.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-35.